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Senate Resolution 1305

By: Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Bulloch of the 11th and Hudgens of the 47th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Beverly Sparks; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Beverly Sparks has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for her
- 3 leadership in the field of agriculture and her deep concern for the well-being of others; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Sparks has diligently and conscientiously devoted her time, talents, and
- 5 energy to the agricultural community of this state for over 30 years; and
- 6 WHEREAS, her impressive academic record is exemplified by undergraduate and graduate
- 7 work at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, the University of Georgia, and Louisiana
- 8 State University; and
- 9 WHEREAS, she served with distinction as a Professor of Entomology at the University of
- 10 Georgia from 1989 to 1995 and her research on landscape pest control and management of
- 11 the Red Imported Fire Ant is recognized nationally; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Dr. Sparks provided educational support to faculty and their clientele in all 159
- 13 counties of Georgia as Extension Program Coordinator from 1996 to 2002; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the North and Northeast Extension Districts are poised to move forward in the
- 15 21st century largely because of her ability to attract, hire, train, and evaluate high quality
- 16 county-based extension faculty; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Dr. Sparks has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including
- 18 the D.W. Brooks Faculty Award for Extension and the Walter B. Hill Award for Public
- 19 Service and Outreach, the highest faculty awards of the University of Georgia College of
- 20 Agricultural and Environmental Sciences; and

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21 WHEREAS, this distinguished professional was the first woman to serve as Associate Dean

- 22 for Extension and was recognized by Georgia Trend Magazine as one of Georgia's 40 Power
- Women in 2010; and
- 24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
- 25 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
- 27 commend the amazing career of Dr. Beverly Sparks and recognize the efficient, effective,
- dedicated, and selfless service she has provided for the State of Georgia.
- 29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 30 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Beverly Sparks.